

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BAGHDA 00345 181937Z
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SP-02 USIA-06 AID-05 EB-08 NSC-05
TRSE-00 SS-15 STR-07 OMB-01 CEA-01 CIAE-00
COME-00 FRB-03 INR-10 NSAE-00 XMB-02 OPIC-03
LAB-04 SIL-01 DODE-00 PA-01 /085 W
-----097977 190414Z /65

R 180928Z FEB 78
FM USINT BAGHDAD
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5695
INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO
AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BAGHDAD 0345

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ETRD, ENGR, PEPR, EG, IZ.
SUBJECT: IRAQI-EGYPTIAN TRADE

REF: CAIRO 04913

1. EGYPTIAN COMMERCIAL ATTACHE LAST NOVEMBER TOLD USINT OFFICER THAT IRAQI AND EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENTS HAD JUST SIGNED AN AGREEMENT FOR EGYPT TO DELIVER IN 1978 5,500 MASSER AUTOMOBILES AT AN AVERAGE PRICE OF 3,000-3,300 DOLLARS A PIECE DEPENDING ON AMOUNT OF SPARE PARTS PROVIDED. THIS 16.5 - 18 MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT WAS, HE SAID, PARTIALLY OFFSET BY EGYPT'S PURCHASE OF 300 SCANIA AND SALAHIDDIN TRUCKS WORTH APPROXIMATELY 4.5 MILLION DOLLARS. HE ALSO REPORTED THAT IN JULY 1977 THE EGYPTIAN PRIVATE SECTOR HAD PURCHASED 850 "ANTAR" TRACTORS, WHICH IRAQ ASSEMBLES FROM COMPONENTS MANUFACTURED IN POLAND. NONETHELESS, THE CAR SALE PLUS EGYPT'S NORMAL EXPORTS (MAINLY TEXTILES) TO IRAQ WOULD PROBABLY GIVE EGYPT A BILATERAL TRADE SURPLUS OF \$6 - \$8 MILLION IN 1977. THE SURPLUS, HE THOUGHT WOULD BE USED TO OFFSET EGYPTIAN
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BAGHDA 00345 181937Z

DEBTS TO IRAQ FOR OIL PURCHASES IN THE EARLY 1970'S.

2. COMMENT: IRAQI-EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC COMMERCIAL RELATIONS ARE GOVERNED BY A 1958 ECONOMIC AGREEMENT WHICH PROVIDES FOR YEARLY MEETINGS OF A JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION. ACCORDING TO AN IRAQI SOURCE WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE OBTAINED THE INFORMATION FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ARAB TRADE

RELATIONS IN THE MINISTRY OF TRADE, THE AGREEMENT ALSO PROVIDES FOR SETTLEMENT OF TRADE IMBALANCES IN HARD CURRENCY UP TO AMOUNTS NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION US DOLLARS ANNUALLY AND THE REMAINDER CARRIED OVER FROM YEAR TO YEAR. REPORTEDLY EGYPT HAS RUN UP A NET DEFICIT OF NEARLY ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS SINCE 1958. IRAQI ACCOUNTING, HOWEVER, MAY INCLUDE AN EIGHTY MILLION DOLLARS "GIFT" OF CRUDE OIL WHICH THE GOI PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT SADAT WHEN HE VISITED IRAQ IN 1975.
PECK

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TRADE AGREEMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 feb 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978BAGHDA00345
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780076-1148
Format: TEL
From: BAGHDAD
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780238/aaaabfui.tel
Line Count: 72
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: c0f007d4-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 CAIRO 4913
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3550311
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: IRAQI-EGYPTIAN TRADE
TAGS: ETRD, ENRG, PEPR, EG, IZ
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/c0f007d4-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014